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Magic of maple
Opportunities for maple syrup experiences coming up. See story on page 2 and 3.

March Break options
See stories on page 6 and 7.

Snowboarder Tea Yates spots her line while riding through the terrain park at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride on Feb. 21 in Eagle Lake. The Eagle Lake facility has 50 centimetres of base and had all 14 runs available their last day of operation. Sir Sam's is planning the Spring Splash event this year on March 26, but it is weather dependent, so check their website for updates about its status closer to the date. For more information see sirsams.com. /Submitted by Vivian Collings

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Yours Outdoors

Days are a little longer, cold snaps are a little shorter, and the drip, drip, drip of melting icicles are providing a steady metronome for the cacophony of bird melodies. This can only mean one thing: it's spring!

While winter melts away, we Haliburton Highlanders begin to dig out the buckets and taps for another sweet season of syrup. There is nothing that feels more Canadian than watching the 45 litres of sap you've painstakingly collected boil down into one litre of runny maple syrup.

While the concept is enticing, there are a variety of other ways to tap into the world of maple syrup without tapping your own trees. Thankfully, we have some incredible maple magic makers here in the Haliburton Highlands, and the spring season is their time to shine.

This year, Yours Outdoors offers a variety of maple-based experiences out at Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. There is Maple Slurp, which has a primary focus on the tasting component of the maple world. This tasty terroir offers sampling opportunities for different maple grades, syrups, and flavours. Is your palate ready for a sweet treat? No worries, the only prerequisite for this program is a serious sweet tooth.

Yours Outdoors also offers Family Maple Magic, which is a guided experience for all ages, and focuses on the

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Last year, Highlands' resident Ruby Mansfield peeks into a sap bucket, which collects sap from a maple tree, as part of the process to make syrup. /Submitted by Emily Stonehouse

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Sweet dividends for the intrepid traveller

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art and science of sap to syrup. This includes a tour of the sugar shack, a hike through the woods, and some hands-on activities to learn the ins and outs of the maple world. All maple experiences at Haliburton Forest wrap up with a stack of freshly made pancakes from the Cookhouse restaurant, doused in warm butter and (of course) drizzled with fresh maple syrup. Check out www.yoursoutdoors.ca for the full lineup and to book your spot.

If you would like to check out other maple magicians in the area, then www.myhaliburtonhighlands.com is a great resource to discover one of the many maple providers in our neck of the sugar bush. Right now, they are highlighting "maple weekend," which this year falls on April 2 and 3. The website notes that, "Maple Weekend shows you how maple products are made, from tree to table, and lets you taste and buy quality maple products."

On the site, #MyHaliburtonHighlands includes a full list of maple producers, a variety of maple-themed hikes and experiences, as well as an in-depth look at a variety of other experiences in the area that you can check out while on your maple mission.

It may seem cliché, but maple syrup - while a significant amount of work - is one of those rare treats where you can truly taste the love that goes into it. Every bottle of syrup has a story.

There is the story of Esson Creek Maple, a family-run business that is paired with Greenmantle Mineral Farms, and as a result of the mineral deposits on the land, has syrup that tastes extra buttery and rich.

There is the story of Wintergreen Maple Products, who have had their doors open for 35 years, making pancakes in the shapes of our names in their cozy kitchen before deciding to change direction and offer takeaway products for you to enjoy at home. There are literally more than 100 flavours of preserves, jams, and syrups to try; each one made by someone who wants to make your life a little sweeter.

The maple syrup season offers an opportunity for magical experiences. There is the story of a child's first time trying syrup sprinkled on snow. Or the sound of the crackling wood stove in a sugar shack. Or the way the snow crunches while you peek in the bucket of swirling sap.

There is magic to the maple season, and it only lasts a little while. Come and taste the magic while you can.

A sweet treat from Esson Creek Maple in Wilberforce. Their syrup comes from the trees grown over a series of mineral deposits, making the taste extra sweet, creamy, and buttery. Submitted by Emily Stonehouse.

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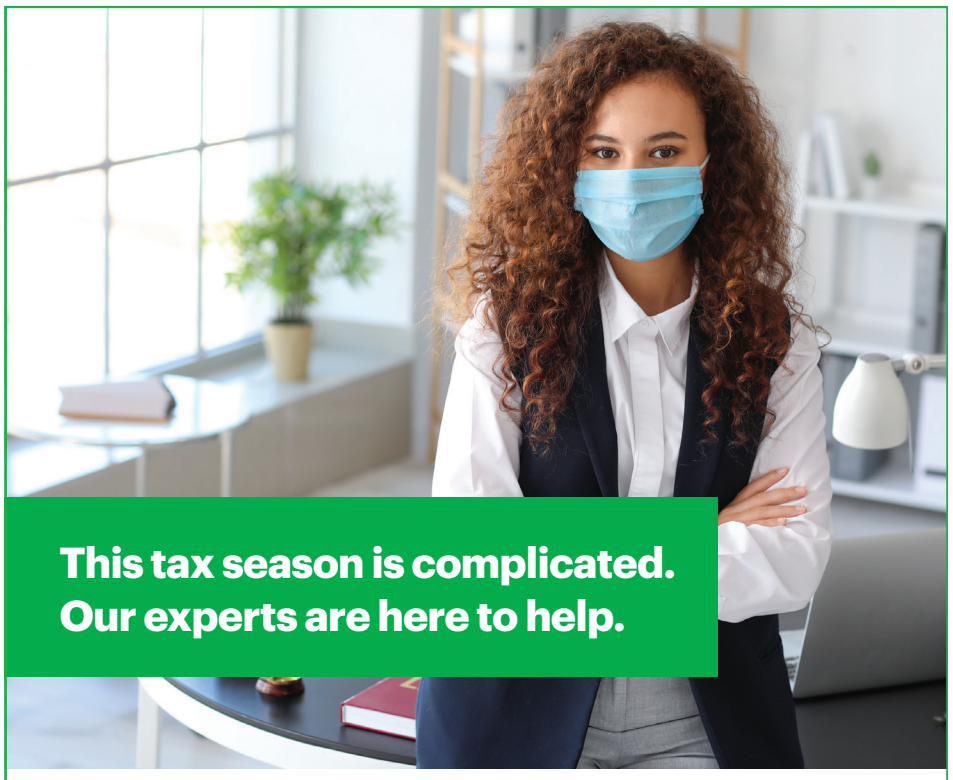

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Spring is coming, and so is the asparagus

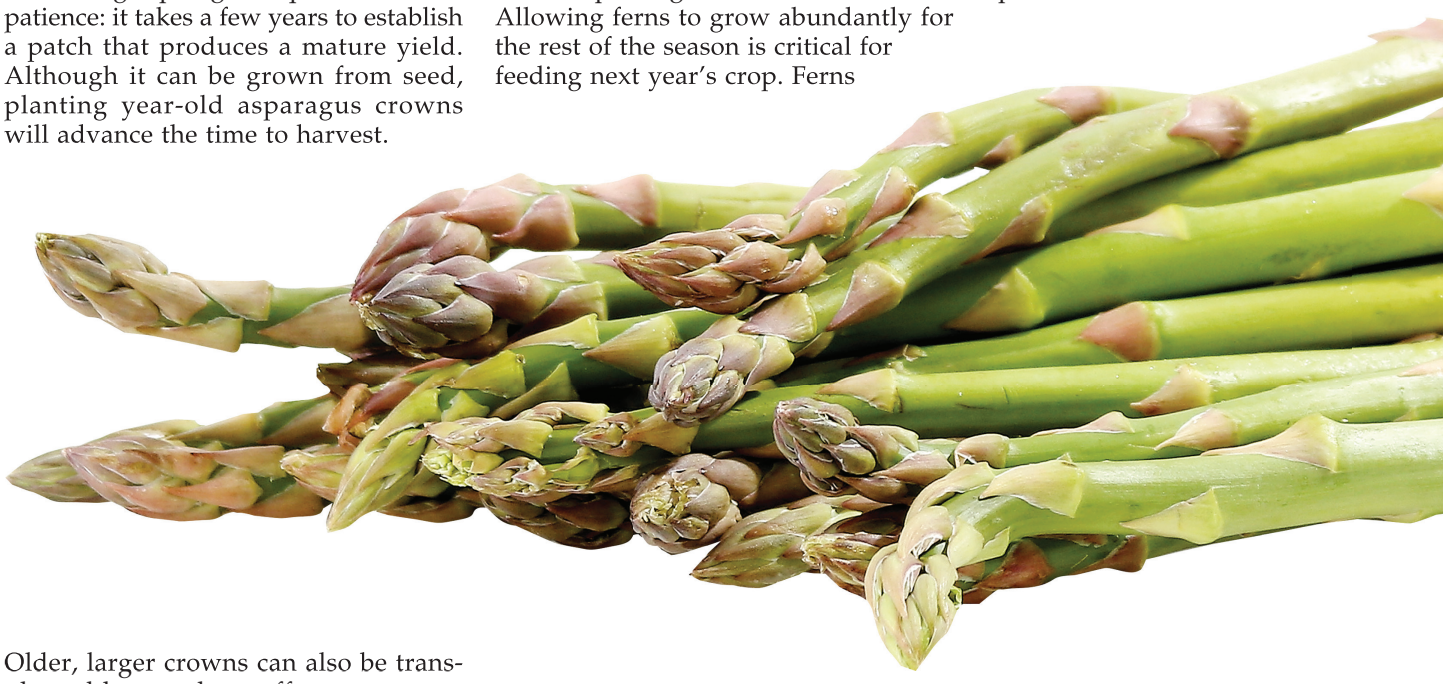
SHEILA CURRIE
Haliburton County Master Gardener

The long winters in our region can make gardeners look forward to spring and the re-emergence of perennials, including edibles. One of the more common perennial vegetables, asparagus shoots make their appearance not long after winter's snowy blanket is gone and April sunshine warms the ground.

While the exact origins of asparagus (Asparagus officinalis) are not known, there are reports of it growing in the wild in sandy seaside locations on the Mediterranean, and in Eurasia and Europe around 2000 years ago. Julius Caesar was reputed to have been a fan, as was King Louis XIV for whom asparagus was reportedly grown at Versailles.

Cultivating asparagus in Ontario's colder climate is more challenging than in milder climates where it is native. While some long-standing heritage varieties such as 'Mary Washington' are still found in Ontario, growers and consumers alike have benefitted enormously from the introduction of hybrids developed by the University of Guelph Asparagus Breeding Program over the past 20-plus years. Before then, Canada imported a great deal of asparagus, but today Ontario and other parts of the country have a healthy and growing commercial asparagus production. While the 'Guelph Millennium' variety has become one of the top asparagus varieties grown in North America, the research program continues to develop robust new strains. You can buy seeds or crowns of Guelph Millennium and Guelph Equinox varieties at a number of suppliers listed at https://asparagus.on.ca/suppliers/.

Growing asparagus requires time and patience: it takes a few years to establish a patch that produces a mature yield. Although it can be grown from seed, planting year-old asparagus crowns will advance the time to harvest.



Older, larger crowns can also be transplanted but tend to suffer more transplant shock than first year stock. In any case, harvesting should await two to three years after planting, and done sparingly while plants are still becoming established. Spears grow quickly – up to several inches per day in ideal growing conditions – and can be picked when at least pencil-thick and minimum eight inches long. Mature plants can produce steadily for six to eight weeks until summer temperatures arrive; at this point spears will become spindly and it is time to let the plants grow into their fern form. Allowing ferns to grow abundantly for the rest of the season is critical for feeding next year's crop. Ferns can be cut down in late fall, or left until spring; applying a few inches of mulch on the crowns will help keep them insulated over the winter.

Asparagus grows best in full sun in well drained, neutral soils with pH in the 6.5-7.0 range. To plant asparagus, dig a trench 20 to 25 centimetres (eight to 10 inches) deep and 45 to 50 centimetres (18 to 20 inches) wide, and spread out the roots of individual crowns, spacing them about 30 centimetres (12 inches) apart. Cover the crowns with several inches of soil and wait until the tips poke through before covering with another several inches of soil. Asparagus

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Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization – free webinar series

Continue to expand your knowledge in March with OHTO's (Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization - RTO11) March Webinar Series. Throughout March, register for 10 different webinars and take advantage of exclusive supports offered only to OHTO members. As part of OHTO's commitment towards responsible tourism, they've brought together a solid team of facilitators to guide our tourism industry in various areas that are key to responsible tourism. And they will continue to offer similar opportunities and resources that will empower our industry towards creating a resilient and sustainable future. For more information and to register see here: https://mailchi.mp/ohto/tourism-industry-update-2759724?e=8217cf9cb6

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Community Events

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Saturdays: 4 p.m. draw – tickets are $1 each available from 2 p.m. and onwards.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rcl129@outlook.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome!

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Schedule is subject to change without notice, so contact the Legion for updates.

Asparagus celebrated

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are heavy feeders, so when planting the crowns work organic matter into the soil and top dress at the beginning and mid-way through the season.

And now, we just have to wait for spring …

Haliburton County Master Gardeners is a volunteer organization that provides horticultural advice specific to Haliburton and surrounding regions. Have your gardening questions answered or schedule an onsite consultation at www.haliburtonmastergardener.ca.

Did you know?

White asparagus is not a special variety of asparagus, but is simply grown without sunlight, so the spears do not produce chlorophyll. This is typically done by mounding soil up over the crowns and then rows, as they grow.

In Germany, white asparagus, or Spargel is so popular that its April to June growing season is known as Spargelzeit during which time people flock to festivals celebrating this special vegetable.

In contrast, purple asparagus is a variety, for example purple passion or pacific purple, which are grown from mutant strains.

Creative Corner

Wild Horses couldn't keep me away

With a splint supporting a small fracture sustained from a slip and fall on an icy Toronto sidewalk two weeks ago in my left hand and a two hour drive to Minden with the threat of snowy roads, I got in my car at 6:30 a.m. and hoped to arrive at the Masonic Lodge for 9ish. I would join others for the bi-weekly gathering of the Algonquin Highlands Writers Resonance Circle from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and then be driving back to Toronto. For the journey, I packed my knapsack with thermos's of soup, smoothie and tea. My first stop was Tim Horton's at 16th Ave. and Bayview Ave.:

A medium cappuccino.

Anything else?

No thanks, I replied with my Tim card and Mastercard in hand.

I headed north and east. The highway was clear as sunrise emerged. I sipped in a huge sun along with my cappuccino. I stopped in Sutton for cheaper gas. As I journeyed north a familiar breathtaking landscape unfolded: hills, rocks, tall snow covered pines set behind a blue sky and milky clouds. At Coboconk at the intersection of Highway 35 and Highway 48, I stopped to make an iPhone check-in with my daughter:

Good morning check-in. I'm good. How 'bout you?

I'm almost at Writers in Minden. I'll be there until 12 and then heading back to Toronto. The roads are clear.

Ok,mom. Thanks. Enjoy.

I took a washroom break and drank my protein vanilla fruit smoothie.

I arrived by 9 in Minden at the Masonic Temple , the makeshift Writers' venue this morning. I was greeted by a Mason shoveling snow in the parking area. He smiled. He helped me up the steps. Six Writers sat face to face with one another for three hours enjoying camaraderie as we wrote and listened to each other offering positive feedback or resonance to the stories. After, driving back to Toronto I thought, "Wild horses couldn't keep me away!"

Submitted by Barbara Rosen

Skywalk (Ode to Orion)

Arms up stretched, reaching for Heaven
Feet planted, roots of the stars
Nothing on earth is ever so certain.

Star belt of fire, walk the night sky
Drift in rhythm with the source
Passages of moons answer the why.

Does earth wind reach your cheek, your hair?
Does the love of this land touch your soul?
Do my visions and dreams ever reach you up there?

Come dance in earth wind, cherish my love
Earth turns, stars fade, moon sleeps ...
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Visit the Haliburton Highlands Museum this March Break

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

A visit to a museum is an opportunity to explore. You can learn the stories of local community members, find objects you may have never seen before and spot photos, which will surprise you with the ways in which an area has changed - or perhaps hasn't. We are so excited to once again be welcoming visitors to the Haliburton Highlands Museum for March Break and this year, we'll be sharing some special offerings that will inspire you to explore.

Every day during the break, we'll be offering a different drop-in family activity that will give children (and adults) a fun glimpse into the past. Discover the animation toys, which amazed people long before anyone had heard of Pixar or even Walt Disney and try your hand at making your own. Find out about some of the settlers to our community who came here from Ireland and make a special craft to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Learn about the history of our local newspapers and try an activity using the technology historically used to print the *Haliburton County Echo*. We'll also be taking inspiration from the images in the museum's collection, so that children can design their very own postcard to share the stories of their March Break adventures with friends and family members.

Before or after you visit the museum, why not take your explorations outdoors? Glebe Park, where the museum is located, is an amazing hub for outdoor recreation in any season. Borrow some snowshoes from the museum, if the weather calls for them, and take to the trails to discover our outdoor scavenger hunt. Make sure to also pick up a copy of our brand-new 'then and now' activity sheet and take a stroll through downtown Haliburton to see how connections with our community's past can still be found all over the village.

For more details of all the fun we have planned, check out the Haliburton Highlands Museum online at www.haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com or through our social media channels. The museum will be open all nine days of the March Break from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is by donation. We look forward to welcoming you this March Break!

Top 10 ways to spend your time waiting on voice mail

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

THERE WAS a time when we were told that voice mail was simply a way of increasing productivity in the workplace. Ha! Thirty or so years down the road, I think we all know that voice mail was the main part of a worldwide plot to teach humanity about the meaning of patience. And I think it worked too. I am still on hold from a call I made in 1992.

My guess is that the average person spends 50 to 60 per cent of their lives navigating through a voice mail menu and the rest of their time on hold waiting for their turn to speak to the person at the other end. That's why I think it is important to have something productive to do while you wait. With that in mind, here are my top 10 things to do while you are put on hold.

1. Re-read the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy.
2. Raise a family.
3. Collect time-lapse photographic evidence of you aging.
4. Watch the entire *Game of Thrones* series again.
5. Learn a new language.
6. Build an empire.
7. Grow a beard.
8. Take comfort in knowing that although the clothes you are currently wearing will go out of style, they will be back in style by the time your someone actually speaks to you.
9. Make up lyrics to the elevator music you were subjected to. Then sing them to the first actual human who answers.
10. Try to remember why you called in the first place.

Air

Rivulets of Air, laced with Snow,
trickling through the window,
slivers of Outside, sliding down my windpipe,
smooth and cool and clean,
bathing my lungs as they slough off debris.
I peer through the sheers, as Air swells them
with light,
at the smears of trees smudging the river bank,
Snow shrouding the River, clouds muffling Sky,
marvelling at the beauty of things I can't
see,
as I take small steps, my Heart
hiccupping in my chest,
as I try to melt the snowballs
colonizing my lungs, with Breath.
How my legs long to stride Outside,
clamber over snowbanks and make
tracks in the Snow,
or follow the boot prints a stranger leaves
behind to see where they lead.
Climb the hill of my favorite road, to inhale the vista
of hills and Lake and Sky,
then clomp back down and pause at the cluster of
birches springing from Snow,
my fingers grazing their bark without stealing
a scrap.
I gaze out at the snowflakes swirling through Air,
blotting the trees, bleaching Sky,
remembering a squall that pounced unannounced
halfway up the hilltop road.
I froze as Wind and Snow whirled all around me,
uncertain whether I should keep walking or
turn back,
plodding ahead for a hundred steps, 'till the wall of
squall pushed me back,
and I scurried down the road, Wind clawing at
my back.
As unannounced as it arrived, the squall lifted,
abruptly, clearing Air, revealing patches
of blue Sky, and I grumbled beneath
my Breath,
wondering why I didn't persevere,
why I turned back,
impatience brewing and stewing inside
me now,
as I peer out the window with longing, the
sheers billowing
like Breath.
I inhale rivulets of Air, trickling through the window,
its pureness invigorating me,
as I take small steps, deep Breaths,
'till I can stride Outside again.

Sylvie Kalenda

Return to innocence

I wish I remembered when land owned itself
When no one could purchase a tree
The circles of life, whether easy or hard
Mean everything vital to me.
The planet feels changing from when I was young
And maybe because I was small
My heart hadn't hardened, my eyes were still wide
The clouds were untouchably tall.
I'm trusting and hoping that those of my age
Remember sweet ballads of peace
And music and art, all those huggers and bards
Can freedom from darkness release.

by Deborah J. Reed

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March Break Madness at Minden's new arena

With its doors being open for the first March Break since being built, the Township of Minden Hills is excited to showcase the wide variety of activities that are planned for the week, of March 13 to 18 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, located at 55 Parkside Street.

There will be something for everyone to enjoy throughout the week whether it is on the ice with programs like the Parent n' Tot Skate, Stick n' Puck, Broomball, Youth Shinny and Public Skate or activities in the gym such as soccer, basketball or badminton. These programs are all drop-in and a valid day pass is required and participants can make the most out of the pass by participating in more than one activity being offered. Passes can be purchased the day of the program at the reception desk in the arena and the cost is $5 per adult (18 to 64 years-old), $3 for seniors (65-plus years), $3 for youth (one to 17 years-old), $12 for families (two adults and up to three youth).

For those who want to step things up a notch, on Wednesday, March 16, there will be a variety of fitness classes, run in partnership with Ashlea Jones Athletes in Training, held in the gymnasium. Some of the classes being offered are Strength Training, Zen Zone, P.E. for kids, Boot camp, Core to the Floor, Sport Skills and more! Classes run throughout the day from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and cost only $8 a class! Participants can pick and choose which classes appeal to them to get a complete workout. These programs require pre-registration and payment by contacting the Community Services Department at 705-286-1936.

A complete schedule for all activities listed above is available in the new online 2022 Recreation and Leisure Guide, which can be found at https://mindenhills.ca/recreational-programs/.

Questions? Call the Community Services Department at 705-286-1936 and they can help people plan their stay-cation this March Break.

Submitted by Elisha Weiss, community development co-ordinatorof the Township of Minden Hills

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Nature in your backyard

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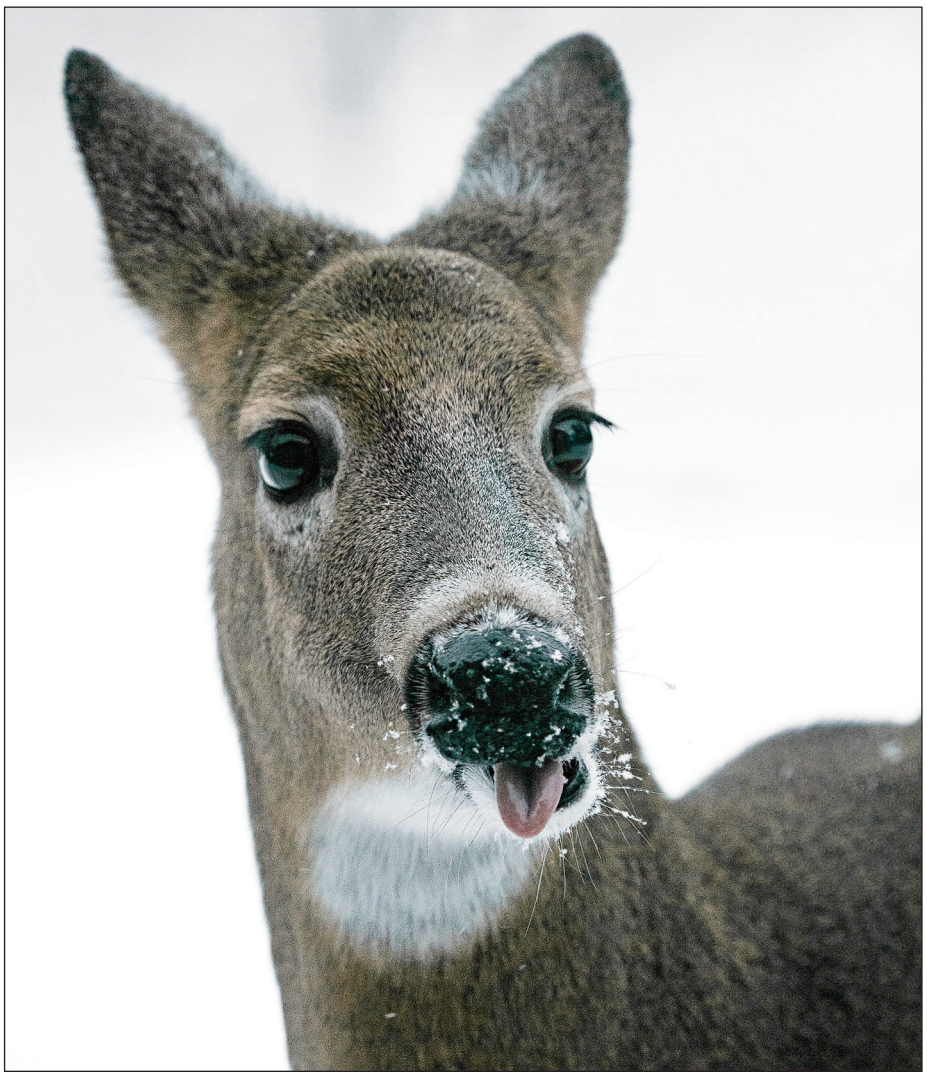
All the finer details of a blue jay are set off nicely by the blue sky, which was captured by Tammy Nash.



Right, area photographer Tammy Nash captured a deer in her front yard outside her Algonquin Highlands home with it's tongue sticking out.

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The following are images of a local landmark. Try to guess what the landmark is and look for the reveal in next week's *County Life*. Concept and images from Thom Lambert, who shares informative posts about things to see and do in the Highlands through @myhaliburtonhighlands on Instagram. /Submitted by Thom Lambert

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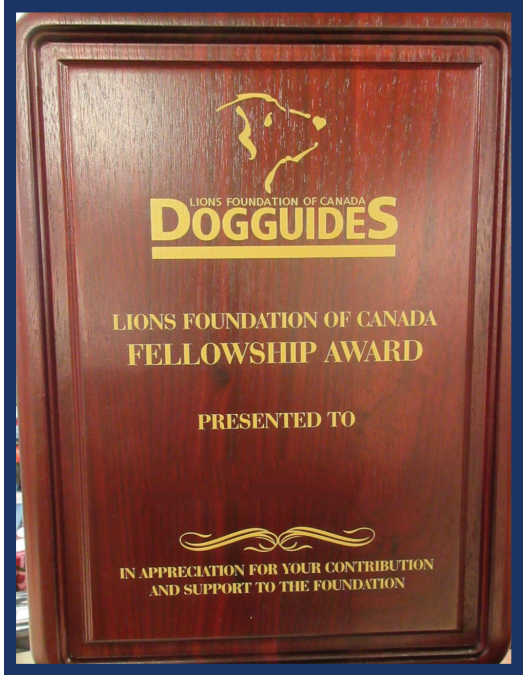

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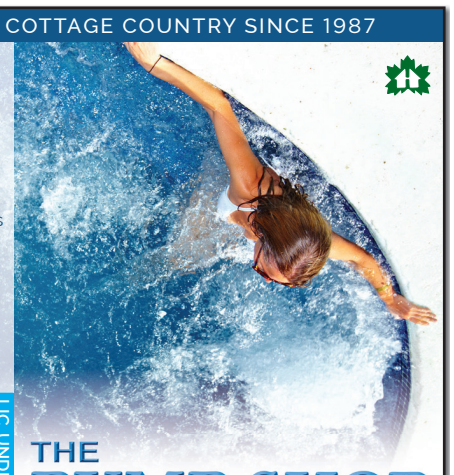

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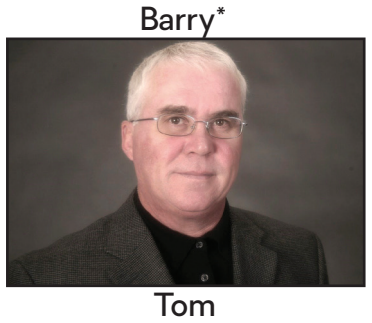
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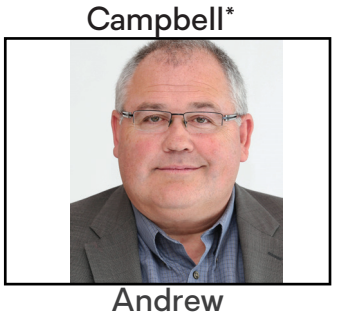
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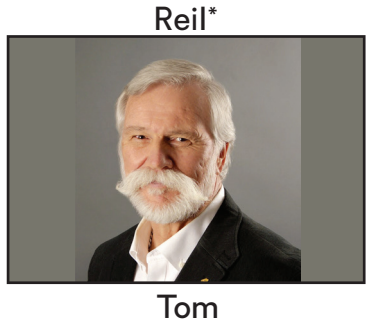
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Taxes up 5%

Reeve Berry objects to draw from reserves

by Russ Duhaime

Highlands ratepayers will see an average increase of three per cent in the county portion of their tax bills this year.

County Council approved its budget Wednesday which calls for a 5.16 per cent increase in the county levy. Warden Chris Hodgson notes that this is offset by a growth rate of about two per cent, which means the net effect on the tax bills will be about three per cent.

The only dissenting vote cast for this year's budget came from Minden Reeve Bern Berry, who said he has two major concerns.

In order to minimize the tax increase, the county is pulling $140,000 from reserves. Berry, who opposes this move, said the county's reserve funds are so small "it's almost a joke."

The county levy is the first portion of the tax bills to be established. Still to come are education and municipal budgets.

Reserve funds are like savings accounts. They are set up in order to minimize the need to borrow from the bank for large expenditures, thereby limiting the cost of borrowing.

Berry said it is "poor business" to draw money out of reserves to offset budgetary increases.

Berry's second concern involves the budgets for Highland Crest and Social Services. The new budget for Hyland Crest is $5,000 less than actual spending in 1992. He notes contract negotiations with the nurses are ongoing and could produce wage hikes of up to 29 per cent. He also cautioned that other initiatives in the care for the elderly could result in higher costs at the home.

When asked for his suggestions, Berry said he would like to see more time spent on the budget in an effort to cut costs in areas other than social services or Hyland Crest.

The county followed the open budget process which was established in 1992. It started a month ago with the receipt of preliminary estimates from the various department, was followed with presentations from the public and department heads and wrapped up Thursday with the final stamp of approval from council.

"It was a month-long process," Warden Chris Hodgson said of the budget.

(more on page 2)

Snow depth holds risk of spring flood conditions

by Russ Duhaime

With spring weather approaching, the staff at the Trent Severn Waterway are closely monitoring local conditions to help alleviate the risk of flooding.

The snow depth is greater than it has been for the past eight or nine years, says Bruce Kitchen. This poses a danger in the event of a sudden thaw accompanied by rain.

The lake levels, however, are well below their average for this time of the year, which compensates for the deep snow. The reservoir lakes are normally at 40 per cent of their capacity at this time of the year, says Kitchen. This year it's closer to 30 per cent, he said.

"A big rain now would be awkward," says Kitchen, "but we still have to fill the lakes."

As a result of the low lake levels, the flow through the Gull River system is very slow. Water movement through the Gull was so slow last week that the river was completely frozen over on Thursday morning. This is the first time in recent history that ice has been able to form on this normally swift river.

In spite of the snow depth, Kitchen says the risk of flooding does not appear to be worse than in recent years. When the thaw begins it will take some time to refill the lakes, he said.

When the lake levels are low, the Trent Severn Waterway has some control over the potential for flooding throughout the watershed. By putting stop logs in at the dams, it can limit the flows.

Once the lakes near their maximum limits, however, the waterway runs out of options, says Kitchen. Holding back the water could mean flooding for lakefront properties. Alternately, increasing the flows from the lakes could mean flooding downstream. In this event, Kitchen says, the waterway tries not to favour either group.

Jessey Scero flies over a gigantic bump while out sledding with is mother Heather and brothers Nathan and Benni last Thursday in Minden. The huge snowpile at the back of the municipal parking lot on Bobcaygeon Road made for a bumpy ride for this group as they enjoyed the March school break.

Health care study is completed

by Russ Duhaime

The findings of the consultant's study will be released Tuesday morning at the county's health care planning and development committee meeting.

Over the past two months,the team of consultants has been investigating options for the future of health care, social services and housing in the county. The final phase of this study is now complete and the options will be presented to the Haliburton County Planning and Development Committee during a meeting at the Haliburton Legion at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Tuesday's meeting will begin with a presentation by the consultants. Committee Chairman Jack Brezina says their will be an opportunity for questions following the presentation.

The options presented Tuesday will be further evaluated by the committee during a later meeting.

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